Goldwater: Lift military gay ban

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'You don't need to be straight to fight'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Barry Goldwater declared Thursday that the military should lift its ban on gays and lesbians since "you don't need to be straight to fight and die for your country. You just need to shoot straight."

Conservatives and former colleagues accepted the conservative warhorse's typically blunt comments with deference but said they are not ready to embrace the position of the former Arizona senator and 1964 Republican presidential nominee.

"I certainly would respect his comments," said Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee. "I don't agree with it."

In an opinion article published in The Washington Post on Thursday, Goldwater said that after 50 years in politics and the military, he still marvels that people can get upset over nothing.

"Lifting the ban on gays in the military isn't exactly nothing, but it's pretty damned close," wrote the salty-tongued Republican.

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Goldwater said study after study had proved that gays and lesbians were not security risks and said the current fight was a waste of time because the ban ultimately would be lifted anyway, just like prior bans on blacks and women serving in the military.

"I think it's high time to pull the curtains on this charade of a policy," he wrote.

Goldwater also spoke out against accepting the Nunn compromise that President Clinton has said he might agree to support.

Goldwater previously endorsed the "don't ask; don't tell" compromise in a May 12 letter to Nunn, calling it a workable solution to the issue.

Attempts to contact Goldwater to clarify the discrepancy with his earlier letter were unsuccessful.

Gazette Telegraph

Barry Goldwater hands out diplomas at the recent graduation at the Air Force Academy. Goldwater blasted the military gay ban in an opinion article in The Washington Post.

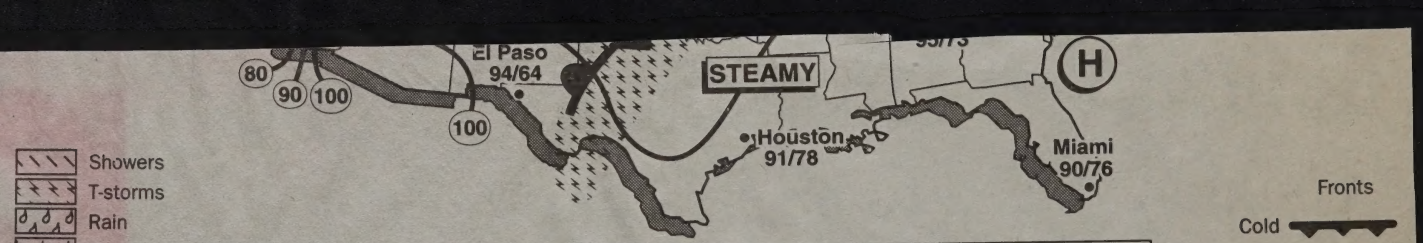
11 p.m.	49	NE	3	73
Thursday				
Midn.	46	NE	5	82
1 a.m.	45	NE	7	82
2 a.m.	45	NE	6	79
3 a.m.	45	NE	5	79
4 a.m.	44	N	5	79
5 a.m.	45	N	3	79
6 a.m.	46	NE	6	73
7 a.m.	50		0	68
8 a.m.	56	SW	3	59
9 a.m.	59	SE	3	47
10 a.m.	61	SE	7	45
11 a.m.	64	S	9	41
Noon	67	S	9	32
1 p.m.	70	S	13	32
2 p.m.	68	S	12	29
3 p.m.	71	SE	15	27
4 p.m.	72	S	14	26
5 p.m.	73	SE	17	25

PRECIPITATION

24 hours to 5 p.m. yesterday ..... 0.00"
Total for month to date ..... 0.90"
Normal for month to date ..... 0.72"
Total this year to date ..... 4.79"
Normal for year to date ..... 5.70"

HIGH/LOW (as of 5 p.m.)

High Yesterday ..... 73°



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NATION

City	Yest.	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Albany, NY	80 65 pc	75 51 pc	80 54 s	79 53 pc
Albq., NM	84 51 s	90 58 s	90 62 s	89 60 s
Amarillo, TX	78 53 s	85 61 s	90 66 s	88 64 s
Anchorage, AK	66 43 s	66 49 pc	62 52 pc	64 50 pc
Asheville, NC	90 60 pc	88 61 t	81 62 t	79 59 pc
Atlanta, GA	95 73 s	95 73 pc	90 73 pc	88 70 pc
Atl. City, NJ	90 71 s	85 56 s	75 56 s	75 57 pc
Austin, TX	84 67 pc	87 69 t	89 74 pc	93 74 pc
Baltimore, MD	90 66 s	87 61 s	79 63 pc	77 62 pc
Bangor, ME	79 54 pc	75 50 sh	74 51 s	76 51 pc
Billings, MT	79 58 s	80 52 t	69 46 c	66 45 pc
Birmingham, AL	93 67 pc	92 65 pc	89 69 pc	91 67 pc
Bismarck, ND	84 50 s	85 60 pc	79 57 pc	73 49 sh
Boise, ID	73 57 sh	68 39 pc	67 44 pc	70 48 s
Boston, MA	88 57 pc	80 55 s	67 58 s	72 57 pc
Brownsville, TX	92 79 pc	90 73 pc	87 77 t	93 76 pc
Buffalo, NY	77 60 pc	74 54 s	79 57 s	76 57 pc
Burlington, VT	77 63 c	71 51 sh	80 54 s	77 53 pc

LEGEND: s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

City	Yest.	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Jackson, MS	93 73 pc	92 68 pc	94 71 pc	94 69 pc
Jacksonville, FL	98 74 pc	93 70 pc	94 73 pc	93 71 pc
Kansas City, KS	86 60 s	84 65 pc	86 72 pc	87 67 pc
Las Vegas, NV	97 66 s	102 72 s	98 67 s	98 71 s
Little Rock, AR	90 68 pc	90 70 t	92 72 pc	93 70 pc
Los Angeles, CA	95 64 s	78 62 s	76 62 s	86 64 s
Louisville, KY	90 65 pc	86 68 t	85 67 pc	85 66 s
Marquette, MI	67 53 pc	73 51 pc	75 50 pc	76 53 pc
Memphis, TN	94 74 pc	90 73 t	91 75 pc	91 74 pc
Miami, FL	88 80 pc	90 76 t	91 78 pc	90 77 pc
Milwaukee, WI	77 60 pc	74 56 s	72 58 pc	75 62 pc
Minneapolis, MN	79 57 pc	85 62 s	81 66 pc	84 62 t
Mobile, AL	91 69 pc	90 70 pc	95 74 pc	95 74 pc

City	Yest.	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Sioux Falls, SD	83 52 s	85 63 pc	83 66 t	83 58 t
Spokane, WA	65 45 pc	57 40 sh	57 43 sh	68 46 pc
Tampa, FL	95 78 pc	92 73 pc	93 78 pc	93 77 pc
Topeka, KS	86 58 s	84 65 pc	86 71 pc	88 67 pc
Tucson, AZ	101 61 s	104 68 s	100 68 s	101 70 s
Tulsa, OK	79 64 pc	85 70 pc	92 75 pc	93 73 pc
Washington, DC	94 68 pc	89 67 pc	83 67 pc	80 66 pc
Wichita, KS	82 58 s	84 64 pc	91 72 pc	91 67 pc
Wilmington, DE	92 68 s	84 58 s	81 62 s	79 62 pc

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City	Yest.	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Calgary, Alb.	71 48 pc	62 43 sh	60 43 sh	60 43 pc
Edmonton, Alb.	67 54 pc	64 44 pc	59 44 c	51 44 pc
Montreal, Que.	73 64 pc	68 48 sh	74 54 pc	72 51 pc
Ottawa, Ont.	74 61 pc	72 54 sh	74 54 pc	72 51 pc